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SUBJECT: THIRD COUNTRY PURCHASES--EXOCET

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1. IN MEETING WITH MND ASST MINISTER PAEK SOK-CHU, ON 27 JAN, CHIEF, JUSMAG-K, CONVEYED INFORMATION CONTAINED REF A. MGEN. PAEK SHOWED NO REACTION TO THE REITERATION OF USG POSITION REGARDING ROKG REQUIREMENTS FOR HARPOON DELIVERIES, BUT HE DID PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING EVALUATION OF PROPOSAL TO INSTALL EXOCET ON 1972-3 ROK-BUILT KIST DESIGN BOATS (KIST BOAT WAS AN EXPERIMENTAL ROK DESIGN, FORERUNNER OF THE PRESENT PK, AND IS MARGINAL AT BEST, BUT 40 TONS LARGER THAN NEWER BOATS).

A. REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING 3-TON GUN MOUNT WITH 9.5 TON EXOCERT SYSTEM, WHICH INCLUDES TWO LAUNCHERS AND VEGA FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM SHOWS SPEED REDUCTION AND SLIGHT LIST AFTER FIRING ONE MISSILE, WITHOUT CONSIDERATION OF CENTER OF GRAVITY AND GM CHANGE IN 124-TON BOAT. DEGRADATION OF PERFORMANCE CONSIDERED marginally acceptable BY MND.

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B. ROKG NOT ENTHUSED WITH THE MANUAL

COORDINATE CHANGER PROPOSAL, WHICH IS INTERIM METHOD FOR INPUT OF TARGET DATA UNTIL VEGA FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR SHIPMENT ABOUT 1 OCTOBER 1976. CONSEQUENTLY, IT IS NOW CONSIDERING ONLY THREE EXOCET SYSTEMS (WITH VEGA); ONE FOR DELIVERY AS INDICATED IN REF B, AND THE OTHER TWO TO BE MOUNTED IN WHATEVER FRENCH BOATS COULD BE PROVIDED ON BAILMENT AND EQUIPPED WITH COMPLETE SYSTEM. NO PRICE AND AVAILABILITY OR ACCEPTABILITY BY FRENCH WAS GIVEN ON THE LATTER.

2. STUDY RESULTS REFLECTED BY GEN PAEK APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN FORCED BY POLITICAL CONSIDERATION SINCE THESE RESULTS DO NOT COINCIDE WITH DATA INFORMALLY PROVIDED BY ROK NAVY SOURCES.

3. APART FROM ABOVE GENERAL STILWELL CONVEYED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REF A TO DEFENSE MINISTER SUH, WHO LIKEWISE DID NOT REACT.
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